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MeL Catalog Project RFP Issued

by Louise Bugg, MeL Catalog Project, Michigan Library Consortium

On June 5, 2003, Michigan Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) issued a request for proposals from vendors to provide these new components of the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) for the Library of Michigan:

1. A portal—a single interface for patrons to search and access all MeL databases, including licensed databases, the Internet collection, digitized collections like those being developed in the Making of Modern Michigan project and the statewide online catalog.
2. A statewide online catalog—a centralized union catalog with the combined holdings of all participating Michigan libraries.
3. A resource sharing system—for Michigan library patrons in good standing to be able to place requests for items without intervention from library staff. The materials would then be delivered to their home libraries for borrowing.

The entire RFP (#DHAL03-006), which is 181 pages long, can be found at the HAL Web site at www.michigan.gov/hal. A link to the RFP has also been added to the newly updated MeL Project Web site at www.michiganlibrary.org. Responses are due no later than 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2003.

Plans are underway for demonstrations by the top vendors on September 8-11 and 15-17. These demonstrations will be held in Lansing at the Michigan Library Consortium and will be open to anyone in the state.

The Michigan Library Consortium, with LSTA funding, is hiring a consultant to help design a statewide delivery system and identify a vendor to provide service to the state's libraries. The first step will be a survey to identify Michigan libraries' current delivery systems and needs. The goal is to have a delivery system ready to go when the statewide catalog and resource sharing system are implemented in 2004. A delivery task force with representatives from libraries and library groups around the state has been formed to work with the consultant, beginning this summer.

For the latest version of the MeL Catalog project timeline, please go to the Michigan eLibrary homepage, click on MeL Catalog Project and then select Timeline.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Louise Bugg at buggl@mlcnet.org.



Notes from the State Librarian

The Boy Scouts carry flags to the front of the room as the local banker sings the national anthem. The Methodist minister gives the invocation, nicely balanced by the Catholic priest who will give the benediction. The mayor welcomes the crowd, and the library board president speaks of the hard work that has made this project possible. Even the state librarian is there to share in the community's triumph. Finally, the local barbershop quartet softly harmonizes as the ribbon is cut.

A library dedication. No event could be more joyous, or more patriotic. Trite as it might sound, opening a new library is — like motherhood or apple pie — an American tradition that demonstrates a community's belief in its future and in its given right to pursue the things that make a better life.

The dedication is just the beginning. As the years pass, the library sees increased usage and greater demands and expectations placed on it by the patrons. And just like that all-American apple pie, the library finds it needs dough to meet the very real and very reasonable expectations of the 21st-century patron!

A few years ago, a group of librarians formed the Public Library Funding Initiative Group (PLFIG) and, with donations from libraries, commissioned a study of library funding in Michigan. That study, called "Crisis in Michigan Libraries," proved what we had long believed to be true: that public libraries in Michigan rank low in per-capita funding and that library-establishment laws are conflicting and confusing at best.

Now, after almost two years of study by more than 70 librarians on various committees, PLFIG has issued a draft response which outlines possible solutions to the crisis. The next step is for library staff and trustees to read the response and provide critical and thoughtful input. I encourage you to do so, at www.plfig.org.

This is our chance to make a difference in funding for Michigan's public libraries. Please join PLFIG in determining the needs of our libraries so that we can speak with one voice as we take this funding plan forward. With our collective effort, we can ensure that every community in Michigan experiences the thrill, pride and learning opportunities that accompany each new library facility.

Helping People to Live, Learn, Work and Play: Building 21st Century Public Libraries for Michigan

by Eileen Palmer, PLFIG Coordinator

Join us in discussing the draft report of the Public Library Funding Initiative Group (PLFIG) at a series of meetings around the state this July. This is an opportunity to learn more about our long-term plans for improving library funding as well as a chance to raise any issues of concern to you and your library. Library directors, staff and trustees are all welcome to attend.

These sessions will be facilitated by Leslie and Russ Knopp of Traverse Management Resources. Each session will include an overview of the recommendations contained in the report as well as a discussion of the potential impact of the recommendations on library service in your community. To best prepare for the session you attend, please read the report in advance (www.plfig.org/draft2003.pdf).

The schedule for the PLFIG report feedback sessions is as follows:

July 7 9:30 a.m.
Farmington Hills Public Library

July 7 2:30 p.m.
Macomb County Library

July 8 9:30 p.m.
White Pine Library Cooperative

July 15 9:30 p.m.
Kalamazoo District Library

July 17 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Michigan Library League

July 23 9:30 a.m.
Peter White Public Library

July 24 10:00 a.m.
Indian River Public Library

The sessions are free of charge, but pre-registration is required. For more information, please contact Eileen Palmer, PLFIG coordinator, at empalmer@tln.lib.mi.us or (734) 281-3830, ext. 107.



IMLS Awards \$4,885,587 to Support Library Service in Michigan

by Jolee Hamlin, LSTA Specialist, Library of Michigan

Through the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA), the Institute of Museum and Library Services made grants totaling \$150,435,000 to all 50 state library agencies, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories. Robert Martin, director of IMLS, explained, "This is the premier federal grant program for the nation's libraries. The grants help provide library service to some of America's most needy rural and urban residents, particularly children living in poverty. The grants also provide libraries with technology to keep the American public connected to the important information they need and use."

The grants to state libraries are made using a population-based formula. The Library of Michigan received \$4,885,587. The state is required to match at least \$1 for every \$2 of federal funding. The federal funds made available through LSTA support both statewide library programs such as the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) and important subgrants to libraries. These subgrants provide seed money for library programs that enhance citizen lives and foster technical and innovative improvements in library service.

Library of Michigan Genealogy Specialist Wins Prestigious Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship

by Casey Kremers,
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The National Genealogical Society honored Carole Callard, genealogy specialist at the Library of Michigan, with the 2003 P. William Filby Prize for Genealogical Librarianship at its annual conference in Pittsburgh on May 30.



*Carole Callard and
National Genealogy
Society President Curt
Witcher*

The \$1,000 prize is awarded annually in recognition of significant contributions to patron access to information or to the preservation of historical records; development of an imaginative reference tool or similar outstanding contribution of enduring consequence; publication of a book or a body of articles that has contributed significantly to the field of genealogy or local history; and other activities that have significantly advanced genealogy and local history and encouraged others to be innovative in the field.

"With her depth of knowledge and her passion for genealogy, Carole is a tremendous asset to the Library of Michigan and an immeasurable help to our patrons," said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. "Her contributions to the study of genealogy statewide and nationally certainly merit this great honor."

Callard, the first librarian to hold an endowed chair of genealogy at the Library of Michigan, coordinated the Michigan Cemetery Sourcebook, the Michigan Cemetery Atlas and the Michigan 1870 Census Index. Designer of the first class on genealogy for Wayne State University's library and information science program, she presented 50 programs to state genealogy societies and other organizations in 2002. President of the Mid-Michigan Genealogy Society, Callard also lectures at the National Archives Institute and the U.S. Government Printing Office and serves on the American Library Association genealogy committee.

Named for the well-known author of genealogical reference books, the P. William Filby Award is funded by Scholarly Resources, the publisher of a number of key genealogical books, microfilm and other resources.

Government Documents Roundtable of Michigan Awards Prestigious 'Jennie' to Library of Michigan Documents Specialist

by Sarah Lapshan, Communications Director, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

During its spring 2003 meeting, the Government Documents Roundtable of Michigan named two outstanding library professionals as co-recipients of its prestigious Jennie Award: Ann Marie Sanders of the Library of Michigan and Paula Kaczmarek of the Detroit Public Library.

The Jennie, named for the award's first

recipient, Jennie Cross, is awarded for outstanding service to the Michigan documents community. This is the first time that the award has been given to more than one individual in the same year and — highlighting the award's distinction even more — the first time it has been given out since 1995!

Between them, Sanders and Kaczmarek provide consulting services and continuing-education services for the entire Michigan librarian community. Their work includes interpretation of federal documents guidelines; mentoring; and serving as liaisons between the U.S. Government Printing Office and libraries in the field.

“Ann’s passion for preserving and interpreting documents provides a real service to this state,” said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. “She and Paula are an excellent team that serve the people of Michigan exceptionally well. The Jennie is a very high honor and we are proud to have Ann on our team at the Library of Michigan.”

Sanders currently serves as the Library of Michigan’s depository librarian. She has been employed with the state library for eight years. The Library of Michigan and the Detroit Public Library are the only two regional depository libraries in Michigan. As such, all materials distributed by the United States Government Printing Office are received and permanently retained at these libraries. The Library of Michigan’s collection includes maps and publications in print, microfiche and CD format. The library also provides public access to electronic government information available via the Internet. All depository libraries serve all citizens of the state seeking federal government information.

award,” Hoekstra said. “Libraries play a critical role in promoting reading and literacy programs, and are a fundamental component of strong and healthy communities. I am proud to sponsor legislation that continues to assist them in developing that role.”

Hoekstra was recognized in part for his work to reauthorize the federal Museum and Library Services Act, which provides federal support for libraries and museums across America in coordination with state, local and private efforts. Earlier this year the House overwhelmingly passed the legislation, H.R. 13.

“Congressman Hoekstra has been tremendously supportive of libraries during his service in Congress, and we are extremely grateful for his efforts,” said State Librarian Christie Brandau.

Hoekstra was honored in a ceremony on May 13 in the House Rayburn Office Building. The Michigan Library Association brought several librarians from across the state, including Brandau; Shirley Bruursema, a library trustee from Grand Rapids; and Barbara Billerbeck, a high school librarian from Fremont.

Friends of Libraries U.S.A. is a 24-year-old organization of more than 2,000 Friends of Libraries groups and libraries nationwide, representing thousands of library supporters.

Art Adventure Brings Michigan Authors and Illustrators to Rural Libraries Around the State

by Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book Coordinator

Rural communities across Michigan are taking part in an “Art Adventure” this summer, as 28 public libraries statewide host visits with one of three Michigan artists — authors Doug Allyn and Tom Grace and children’s illustrators Michael Monroe and Denise Brennen-Nelson. The Michigan Center for the Book, part of the Library of Michigan, is sponsoring the Art Adventure program in an effort to foster a greater appreciation of literature, art and illustration in Michigan’s smaller communities.

“Art Adventure allows smaller libraries, who might otherwise not have the opportunity to sponsor a visit with a well-known artist, to offer residents of their communities a closer look at the art of writing and illustration and a chance to meet



Left to right: State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, Congressman Pete Hoekstra and Shirley Bruursema, vice president of the Lakeland Library Cooperative board

Friends of Libraries U.S.A. Honor Congressman Pete Hoekstra with 2003 Public Service Award

by Dave Yonkman, Congressman Hoekstra’s Office

Friends of Libraries U.S.A., in conjunction with the American Library Association, has given U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Holland, its 2003 Public Service Award in recognition of his efforts as a national leader on behalf of our nation’s libraries.

“I am extremely grateful that Friends of Libraries U.S.A. has chosen to honor me with this

these talented Michigan artists,” said State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau. “The program is truly statewide, with libraries from Iron River to Three Rivers participating.”

Each library cooperative in the state was given the chance to select two smaller libraries within their membership to take part in the program. Libraries must contribute \$150 in cash and \$325 in in-kind donations to participate.

Doug Allyn is the Edgar Award-winning author of mysteries, including *A Dance in Deep Water*. He has won the coveted Edgar Allen Poe Award, the International Crime Readers’ Award, the Derringer Award and the Ellery Queen Readers’ Award – five times. He will visit the following libraries this summer: Spies Public Library, Cheboygan Area Public Library, Munising School Public Library, West Iron District Library, Harrison Community Library, Wolverine Community Library and Shelby Area District Library.

Tom Grace – the award-winning author of science fiction techno thrillers, including the best-selling *Spyder Web* – will be at these libraries: Hastings Public Library, Lenox Township Library, Holly Township Library, Eau Claire District Library, Schoolcraft Community Library, Huntington Woods Public Library and Benzonia Public Library.

Visual artist Michael Monroe is the multiple award-winner and illustrator of *M is for Mitten*, *The Michigan Counting Book* and numerous other children’s titles. His realistic wildlife paintings have garnered him many honors, including Michigan Wildlife Artist of the Year. Denise Brennan-Nelson is the author of children’s books *My Momma Like to Say* and *Buzzy the Bumblebee* and a native of Howell, Michigan. She travels to schools throughout the Midwest, teaching children to “bee-lieve” in themselves. Michael Monroe or Denise Brennan-Nelson will visit William H. Aitkin Memorial Library, Allendale Township Library, Harper Woods Public Library, Three Rivers Public Library, Briggs Public Library, Niles District Library, Cromaine District Library, Edna C. Bentley Memorial Library, Crawford County Library and Houghton Lake Public Library.

Art Adventure is funded in part by a \$13,050 grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the National Endowment for the Arts and is sponsored by the Alpena County Library and the Michigan Center for the Book. For further information, contact Karren Reish, Michigan Center for the Book coordinator, at (517) 373-3891, (toll free) 877-479-0021 or kreish@michigan.gov.

Meet the Legislators on the Library of Michigan Board

compiled by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

We would like to introduce you to the four state legislators who serve on the Library of Michigan’s board of trustees.

Senator Irma Clark-Coleman represents District 3 in Detroit. Here, in her own words, she talks about her background and what made her want to serve on the Library of Michigan board:

“To say the Library of Michigan is just a library would be akin to saying the Smithsonian is just a museum. Technically correct - but way off the mark.

“In many ways, the Library of Michigan is a depository for our collective history as citizens of this great state. Its collections document who we were, who we are, and who we aspire to become. It is our humble effort to chronicle the countless individual voices that make up the chorus of Michigan’s history.

“My own history is just a small part of that great chorus. My father uprooted our family from our home in rural Georgia and moved us to Michigan in hopes of a better life. He found work in the automotive industry while my mother worked in a local hospital. It was hard but honorable work.

“My parents’ effort and sacrifice allowed me to be the first in our family to get accepted into college. While working full time and raising a family, I earned a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University in 1977. I followed that with a masters degree four years later.

“My education put me in a position to play a pivotal role in the desegregation of Wayne County politics. The Wayne County Road Commission, which at the time had exclusively white males in management positions, was found by the federal government to be in noncompliance with affirmative action requirements. Soon after, I was promoted to the position of assistant director of public information, becoming the first African-American woman to hold a management position for the Wayne County Road Commission.

“I remained involved with my community and was eventually elected president of the Detroit School Board. That was followed by my election to the Michigan House of Representatives and later the State Senate.

“The Library of Michigan chronicles countless



stories like mine. Everyone's story is unique. Every story is just as important as the next.

"As one of the newest members of the Library of Michigan board of trustees, it will be my honor to help promote and protect the Library's efforts to preserve our State's history.

"The Library of Michigan is one of our State's great assets. Whether you are researching a book, piecing together your family genealogy, or developing your graduate thesis, the Library of Michigan is an invaluable tool. Come see what the Library of Michigan has to offer."

Senator Tom George, a resident of Texas Township in Kalamazoo County, was elected to the 20th District of the Michigan Senate in 2002 after serving one term in the House of Representatives.

As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, Sen. George serves on five subcommittees and is chair of the History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) subcommittee.

Born and raised in Flint, Sen. George received his M.D. from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1982, where in 1985 he also completed a post-graduate residency in the specialty of anesthesiology. A practicing physician in the Kalamazoo area for 17 years, he served as the medical director for Hospice of Greater Kalamazoo from 1996 until 2001.

Outside of his medical practice, Sen. George has numerous other interesting pursuits. He is the immediate-past president of the Historical Society of Michigan and a longtime volunteer at Portage Cable Access, where he has produced several television programs, and has participated overseas in medical missions to Africa and the Caribbean.

Speaking of his service on the Library of Michigan board, Sen. George said, "Libraries serve their communities as a window to the outside world. This role is changing, however, as they must continue to serve as repositories of an ever-increasing body of information and as they increasingly must serve as organizer of that information. Libraries and librarians are necessary to put the available wealth of information into useful context."

"I wanted to serve on the Library of Michigan board so I can help the role Michigan libraries play as our communities continue to evolve," he said.

Representative Kathleen Law, who lives in Gibraltar and represents District 23, told us about her lifelong love of libraries:

"I was very pleased to be appointed to the Library of Michigan board of trustees. My love of books has drawn me to my local library since I was a small child. When I was in high school, it was my social life that pulled me in to Trenton Veteran's Memorial Library. For area high schoolers with a driver's license, the library was the place to escape home, do homework, and hang out with friends. Upon entering Eastern Michigan University to study microbiology, I was wholly dependent on EMU's Halle Library. And in my career as a research scientist, the library always provided an excellent resource for my scientific research.

"I retired many years ago, and I still find myself drawn to the quiet atmosphere of local libraries, including Flat Rock Public Library. I also began a career as a community advocate for quality of life issues. I have been fighting the expansion of a local landfill and working to protect the last coastal marsh on the Detroit River. I have also been keeping myself busy being a grandmother to my two grandsons, Tyler and Mason. Now, when grandma goes to the library, Tyler and Mason like to come along.

"Upon my recent election to the Michigan House of Representatives, my life has changed in many ways. On top of my work in the community and my time spent with my family, I am now working on legislation and sitting on committees. I have already discovered what an excellent resource the Library of Michigan can be when researching legislation or background information on this great state of ours. As a passionate reader and lifelong patron of local libraries, I am excited for the opportunity to serve on the Library of Michigan board of trustees and I welcome the challenges that lie ahead."

Representative Mike Nofs

of Battle Creek is always on the lookout for a new challenge. It's what brought him to the Capitol. Just a year ago, he retired from the Michigan State Police after 25 years of service. Rep. Nofs, who had served as Calhoun County commissioner for the 10 years, then decided to run for state representative. After an exciting campaign, he won the election and took office this past January. Although in a new position, Rep. Nofs still sticks to the State Police motto of "protect and serve." In his mind, becoming a state legislator is a new way to carry on his long-time commitment to



protecting and serving the people of Michigan.

Rep. Nofs now brings his characteristic enthusiasm to the new challenges he faces as a state representative. Public education and public safety are top priorities for Nofs. As chair of Michigan's Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Committee, he is working hard to ensure that Michigan is prepared for the new security situation our nation is facing. Rep. Nofs also helped introduce the Yellow Ribbon Package to protect the families of Michigan troops in service. On the education front, he has recently fought to preserve funds for adult education and co-sponsored the Tools for Schools legislation.

Aside from his other legislative duties, Rep. Nofs was eager to serve on the Library of Michigan board. As the son of two teachers, he understood very well the integral role that libraries have in education. They provide valuable resources for every age group in a community. Rep. Nofs, a father of five, has experienced firsthand the terrific contributions that libraries make to children's learning. Given his appreciation for Michigan libraries, he is happy to have the opportunity to work with the library board to ensure that Michigan's outstanding libraries can continue to enrich our communities in the future.

"I come from a long line of people who value education, and libraries are essential to good education," said Rep. Nofs. A good library enables learners—whether preschoolers or seniors—to excel."

The Evolution of the State Law Library, 1828-2003

by Susan Adamczak, Administrator of the State Law Library

The State Law Library's collection dates from 1828, when the Territorial Council Library began purchasing legal materials for the use of the territorial governor and legislators. Located in Detroit, the library owned 131 titles covering state session laws, state reports and other legal documents.

When the capital of Michigan was relocated to Lansing in 1847, the State Library secured space in the first Capitol Building. An interim relocation to a new state office building in 1871 preceded the law library's move to the new Capitol Building in 1879. At the center of state government, the law library served the

Legislature, the judiciary, the governor and state agencies. It began acquiring a legal collection designed to meet the research needs of the judges, attorneys and state employees who sought its services.

During the 1890s and into the early 20th Century, the law library increased its collection by adding state and federal reporters and volumes of the National Reporter System, case digests, encyclopedias, textbooks, periodicals and foreign law materials. Some of the titles were purchased, but many were acquired through exchange agreements established with other states' and foreign countries' governments. By 1896 a complete catalog of the law collection had been compiled by Mr. S. A. Tomlinson, clerk of the "Law Department." The catalog is a 685-page work listing every volume of every title owned by the law library.

In 1922, when the State Library moved from the Capitol to the new Lewis Cass Building, the law library did not. As reported in *The Ann Arbor Times* for March 24, 1922:

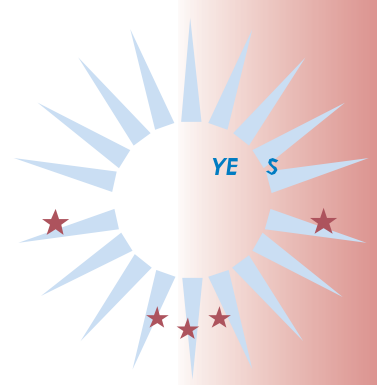
"The only remnant of the old state library, that is left in the old state house, is the law library, remained there for the convenience of the Supreme Court. The state's law library by the way, is according to state Librarian Mary E. Spencer, about the best in the country."

Though organizationally linked to the State Library and sharing in many of its programs and services, the law library would remain in its own facility into the 21st Century.

From its location on the second floor of the Capitol, the law library flourished in the 1920s. While special emphasis was placed on adding volumes to keep the collection of reporters, session laws and codes up-to-date and authoritative, efforts also were made to purchase periodicals and textbooks and other practice books. Mention is made of "notable additions" such as state session laws from 1747 to 1798 for Rhode Island.

Even in 1926 these volumes were recognized for their market value. Purchased for 25 to 50 dollars, the session laws would be valued at several hundred dollars within a few years. In 2003, those same volumes are part of the Library of Michigan's rare book collection and have an estimated market value of 200 to 500 dollars each.

During the 1920s, services continued to



The Law Library in 1925. Left to right: John Hebauf, janitor and page; Burton Ross, assistant law librarian; and William LaFave, assistant in Law Library

expand. The law library's primary patrons were the Supreme Court, the attorney general and the Legislature. Services extended to the bench and bar included lending books by mail and providing a "well furnished consultation and study room for attorneys." (Report of the State Librarian, 1924)

The 1930s ushered in a more austere era, and the state librarian's reports show how the law library struggled to maintain its legal collection. The law library kept essential titles up to date but could not add new titles. Nevertheless, the size of the collection had increased and as the 1936 Report states: "The physical side of the Law Library presents a picture of inadequate housing, crowded conditions and a lack of proper accommodations for readers."

On a more positive note, the report pays tribute to the efforts of WPA workers, who repaired some 6,000 volumes and treated another 15,000 volumes with a special preservative to check or prevent decay. Plans were underway to re-catalog the law collection.

After 1936 there is little published information about the State Law Library. Yet articles in the *State Bar Journal* plus a few newspaper articles do give a glimpse of the library's history in subsequent years.

In 1939 the *Michigan State Bar Journal* published an article about the services of the law library. Its author is Carroll C. Moreland, chief of the Law Division, Michigan State Library. Moreland describes a legal collection that continues to grow to include "the new forums which are constantly being added to the legal system of the country." (p.443) He emphasizes that the collection is a "working library for the legal profession" and, while it maintains close contact with the Supreme Court, "it is in the broadest sense a state law library, its facilities open to every one." (p.443)

In 1943 Charlotte C. Dunnebacke became director of the State Law Library. She held that position for 35 years, retiring in 1978. During her lengthy tenure, Miss Dunnebacke became well known for her excellent research skills and for her willingness to share the law library's resources with attorneys and judges around the state. One of her biggest challenges came in 1969, when the law library moved from the Capitol Building to the first floor of the seven-story office building just west of the Capitol.

In 1972, House Concurrent Resolution 475 formally designated the building as the Law Building. In 1996, Public Act 592 renamed the building the G. Mennen Williams State Office Building. This location is the current home of

the State Law Library.

Charles C. Wolfe led the law library through the decade of the 1980s. This was a period of transition that saw the library move away from a traditional book-based research facility to one that incorporated micro formats, and computer-assisted legal research. Mr. Wolfe was instrumental in launching the Michigan Legal Information Network Telefacsimile Project in 1984. Funded in part by the Michigan State Bar Foundation, the project was designed to make the resources of the State Law Library available to attorneys and judges who did not have ready access to a comprehensive law library. In the mid 1980s the library began subscribing to the commercial legal databases, Lexis/Nexis and Westlaw.

During the 1990s the law staff remained committed to making the resources of the library available to everyone. It created a new brochure describing the collection and services and distributed copies to state agencies, libraries and professional associations throughout the state. Staff participated in the Library of Michigan's preservation efforts, and many of the older law books were transferred to the protective environment of the rare book room.

A need for more space was addressed by purchasing more microfiche, by subscribing to online services and by reorganizing the shelving of major collections. A professional library designer prepared a space study to estimate needs for the next 10 years.

Perhaps the most significant change has been in the way staff provides reference assistance. Tapping into the vast resources of the Internet, the staff assists patrons by locating legal information published on state and federal government Web sites. Patrons may access this service by phone or e-mail. In particular the staff helps dozens of people every day to use the Michigan Legislature Web site (www.mileg.org), a valuable service that provides the full text of the Michigan Compiled Laws and information on pending legislation.

As the law library participates in the Library of Michigan's 175th anniversary celebration, it reflects on a rich tradition of service. Although the passing years have been marked by changes in leadership, staff, governmental affiliations and physical location, the library's successful combination of a service-oriented staff, comprehensive resources and innovative ideas has remained unchanged.

The Reports of the State Librarian, published from 1859-1860 through 1934-1936, provided most of the information contained in this brief historical overview.

New and Improved: Michigan Travel on the Web



by Linda Neely, Public Services Librarian, Library of Michigan

We have enjoyed the convenience of the Travel Michigan website for a few years, but now the Michigan.gov Web site expands upon that service to provide a veritable font of easily accessible information on travel and recreation in our state.

Travel Michigan became part of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation during the Engler administration. To quote from the Web site, "*Travel Michigan is the State of Michigan's official agency for the promotion of tourism. ... Travel Michigan collaborates with the state's Destination Marketing Organizations (Convention & Visitors' Bureaus, other regional marketing entities, and tourism-related state associations) to market Michigan and provide comprehensive visitor information services.*"

Visit www.travel.michigan.org to find information about lodging, camping and golf reservations, local events, attractions and shopping, amusement parks and tours of all types. Enter any Michigan city or village name in the Find A City search engine and you will be presented with an interactive road map of the location, average temperature and precipitation charts and a link to the local or nearest visitor's bureau(s).

Building on and stretching beyond the Travel Michigan site is the Michigan government-sponsored Travel and Recreation page. Just click on **Travel and Recreation** in the left margin of the State of Michigan home page (www.michigan.gov) and you will find links to Department of Transportation major road repair project information, Department of Natural Resources hunting and fishing license information, Department of Agriculture information on food safety for campers as well as Travel Michigan's links for boating, camping, golfing and lodging reservations. There are interactive maps for each of our state parks and harbors as well as links to biking and hiking trails and city and county travel bureaus.

This Michigan.gov page seamlessly com-

bines most of what Travel Michigan provides with related information from other state departments, saving Michigan travelers the headache of trying to figure out which department site to go to. Do your patrons a favor and provide the Michigan.gov Travel and Recreation link on your library Web page.

Michigan Golf Resources: Links to the "Links"

by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant, Library of Michigan

Michigan has more golf courses than any other state. Courses or "links" in Michigan range from short nine-hole, par-three courses to championship courses of 36 holes or more that include resort amenities such as caddies, casino tokens, Jacuzzi suite lodging, designer shopping and fine dining.

Both print and online guides to golf courses may offer information from their rates to the name of the architect and a history of the course. They may be arranged by geographical location or alphabetically by course name. Many golf courses have their own Web sites.

The official Michigan travel Web site, www.travel.michigan.org, is a good place to start looking for information on golf courses. Golf is such a popular part of travel that it has its own link at the top of the page. Courses are arranged by name and most offer details about their rates and the availability of rental clubs and a course description giving the yardage. If you're just starting to play golf and don't want to be considered a "hacker," a link to golf schools in Michigan is also available. Information on joining leagues may be found at some of the individual course Web sites.

Member courses of the site www.teemaster.com will allow you to make tee times online. The Golf Association of Michigan (www.gam.org/gam.asp) offers a search for courses by clicking on a county from map of Michigan. Highlights from articles in *Michigan Golfer* magazine are available at www.michigangolfer.com, a site that includes back issues and has an excellent chronology of golf history in Michigan. An online e-zine at www.michigan-golf.com has links to reviews of courses and articles.

The 2002 edition of *Michigan Links*, published by the Golf Association of Michigan, is a good printed guide to courses. Occasionally, general periodicals like *Golf Digest* will have articles on Michigan golf courses as well.

Surfing the Great Lakes: a Book and 2 Video Guides

by Tim Watters, Cataloger, Library of Michigan

It may be news to many, but surfing is actually a Michigan sport. In fact, the Great Lakes Surfing Association has its own Web site (www.lakesurf.com) and sells a book and two videos specifically on this topic. "Surfing the Great Lakes" by P.L. Strazz is packed with detailed information on many aspects of freshwater surfing in the Great Lakes. This book includes the locations of good surfing spots, advice on surfing, wind speeds and of course weather and temperature charts for various locations, as well as information on windsurfing, kayaking, bodyboarding and skimboarding. The book also has a history of surfing the Great Lakes, all the way back to a translation of a 1687 diary of the French explorer Joutel "describing his party's caution involving waves on Lake Michigan."

The first video, "Surf Michigan – Volume 1," is 20 minutes long and consists chiefly of surfing footage shot in various Michigan areas with musical accompaniment. Locations featured include Grand Haven, Frankfort, Sleeping Bear Point, Muskegon, South Haven, St. Joseph, New Buffalo, Newberry and Marquette. "Surf Michigan – Volume 2" is 41 minutes long and has more narration rather than just music and footage. It includes surfing scenes in Pt. Au Barques, Whiting, Grand Haven, East Side, North End and South End. Both videos are fun to watch and also interesting if you are used to seeing surfers in sun and warm water.

For those who are skittish about jumping right in, you may want to read Roger Hammer's essay in the above-mentioned book – he started his kids practicing in the living room, continued training on a water bed and took on the Chippewa River before attempting Lake Michigan.

Traveling Books: Taking Reading on the Road

compiled by Casey Kremers, Communications
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A few Michigan libraries shared with us the following information about how they are reaching out to the residents of their communities by bringing books to patrons through bookmobiles and other services.

Kalkaska County Library

by Debbie Bull

The Kalkaska County Library has a bookmobile to help cover the 500-plus square miles of our countywide service area. The bookmobile, which averages 200 miles per week, runs from spring through fall on a weekly schedule and has a limited winter schedule.

The outreach patrons served by the bookmobile include two small villages in our county, a residential subdivision, a two-room schoolhouse visited weekly throughout the school year, the Kalkaska Memorial Health Center, Head Start/pre-schools and nursery schools, the Alternative Education Center and roughly 12-15 homebound individuals we visit bi-weekly. The bookmobile is also available for special events such as parades and community fundraisers and fairs.

Novi Public Library

by Lucy Roehrig

The Specialized Services department at Novi Public Library serves homebound residents in Novi as well as seniors living at various retirement homes and nursing homes in the area, delivering books each month to the facilities. At facilities where the residents are more mobile and active, we bring the book carts – featuring both regular and large print books – to a central area, where the residents may come and browse at their leisure. In other facilities where the residents are not as mobile, we travel from room to room, helping residents choose new selections. At each facility, we take great pride in knowing the residents and their reading interests personally, and we frequently set aside books we feel certain patrons might enjoy. Residents of these facilities do not need to have a Novi Public Library card to participate in this program.

In addition to the deliveries, we also maintain in-house collections of books at two facilities. The department also conducts book discussion programs, as well as basic computer classes, for residents at some of these sites.

Bay County Library System

by Marilyn E. Kaeckmeister, Department Head, Bookmobile and Senior Services, Bay County Library System

There were over 2,000 bookmobiles throughout the United States when the Bay County Library System's new bookmobile went on the road in 1975. At that time, our bookmobile took library materials to people in rural areas, mobile home parks and housing developments throughout Bay County.

Bay County Library System's second bookmobile – a refurbished unit purchased in 1990 from Scottsdale, Arizona – traveled to over 20 weekly stops at mobile home parks, apartment complexes, housing developments and rural crossroads.

In October 1999, a ramp-accessible ELF (extremely low floor) bookmobile went into service. The accessibility of the ELF has allowed us to add many new stops at senior high rises, senior centers and training centers for the handicapped. Now the bookmobile carries books, books-on-tape, videocassettes, audiocassettes, large print materials, picture books, easy readers, CDs and more to patrons of all ages and abilities at over 45 stops each week throughout Bay County.



Victor Januszewski, Sterling Heights Public Library book van driver

Sterling Heights Public Library

by Mary Lou Metzger, Programs Specialist, Sterling Heights Public Library

The bright blue library van and its genial driver, Victor Januszewski, is a welcome sight at local senior residences and nursery schools in the Sterling Heights area. Victor makes monthly visits to six local senior residences and 22 nursery/daycare centers to leave deposit collections. He also visits 25 homebound residents with books and tapes. Partial funding for the deposit collection comes from community block grant funds.

A Summer of Sports at Museums Across Michigan

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Michigan sports fans of all ages have something to cheer about this summer! During this "Summer of Sports," the seven largest public history museums in the state are collaborating to explore a common theme - Michigan's sports legacy. Over the course of the summer, each museum is featuring a different exhibit highlighting the contribution of Michigan sports to our history, culture, heritage and identity.

Summer of Sports exhibits include:

- "Baseball – America's Pastime" at Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village
- "Guts, Games and Glory: Detroit's Sporting Legacy" at Detroit Historical Museums
- "Hometown Hoops: High School Basketball in Michigan" at the Michigan Historical Museum
- "Summer's Playground: Recreational Sports at Mackinac, 1880-1920" at Mackinac State Historic Parks
- "Leagues of Their Own" at the Public Museum of Grand Rapids
- "Football: The Exhibit" at the Kalamazoo Valley Museum
- "Sportsman's Paradise: Michigan Hunting and Fishing" at the Sloan Museum in Flint

Libraries can get in the spirit with programs and displays exploring Michigan's or your local community's sports heritage.

For more information about Summer of Sports, visit www.summerofsports.com.



TRUSTEES CORNER

by Dragomir Cosanici, Library Law Specialist

MINUTES AND THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT

All public bodies, including public library boards, must be aware of and get comfortable with the intricacies of minute-taking requirements under the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL §15.261 *et seq.* A number of library boards still struggle to understand the exact requirements of taking minutes and making them available to the public in conformance with the law. This brief article will attempt to shed some light on those requirements and empower boards to avoid some of the common pitfalls.

Content of minutes

Section 9 of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, MCL §15.269, requires that minutes be kept at each meeting. The following items must be noted in the minutes: the date, the time, the place, members of the board present, those absent, as well as any decisions made at a meeting open to the public, the purposes of a closed session if one took place and all roll call votes. MCL §15.269(1).

As it is widely known, the Open Meetings Act mandates that boards allow public participation at board meetings subject to the board's established and recorded rules. MCL § 15.263(5). There are, however, no specific mandates in the statute as to how those public comments must appear in the minutes.

In the same vein, only the purpose(s) of the closed sessions must be noted and made available to the public. MCL §15.269(1). Library boards are required to keep minutes of closed sessions. They, however, may not make the content of closed session minutes available to the public unless a court orders the disclosure. OAG, 1994-1995, No. 6817, p. 2 (September 14, 1994).

Corrections and the availability of minutes to the public

It is crucial to note that all minutes of open meetings are public records open to public inspection. MCL §15.269(2). As such, they must be made available to the public at the board's business address, usually at the library. *Id.* Copies of the minutes must be available to the public at the reasonable estimated cost for printing and copying. *Id.*

Proposed minutes, often called unapproved minutes, must be available to the public not more than eight business days after the open meeting to which the minutes refer. MCL §15.269(3). Business days are generally considered weekdays other than those designated as legal holidays. Weekends are also not deemed to be business days. Approved minutes, however, must be made available to the public not later than five business days after the open meeting at which those minutes were approved by the board. MCL §15.269(3).

What about corrected and closed session minutes? Corrections to minutes must be made at the very next meeting. MCL §15.269(1). Corrected minutes are to be made available to the public no later than the next meeting after the correction. *Id.* In addition, corrected minutes should show both the original entry and the correction. MCL §15.269(2). This task is accomplished fairly easily with the modern word-processing options available today. The corrected text is typically crossed-out and the accurate text is usually displayed right above it.

As far as closed session minutes are concerned, the designated secretary of the board must retain minutes of closed sessions for at least one year and one day after their approval, a period after which they may be destroyed. MCL §15.267(2). Finally, library boards may not make the content of closed session minutes available to the public unless a court orders the disclosure, after a civil suit under section 10, 11 or 13 of the Open Meetings Act. *Id.*

STAR Celebrates 25 Years of Service to the Blind and Physically Handicapped

by Mary Jo Koch, STAR Department for the Blind and Physically Disabled, St. Clair County Library System

STAR Department for the Blind and Physically Disabled, a core part of the St. Clair County Library System, is a service that has been around for a quarter of a century in Port Huron. The service was born under the 1931 Pratt-Smoot Act, which established free library services for blind persons. In 1978, under St. Clair County Library's Extension Services, talking book machines and recorded books were offered to reading-disabled customers in Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac and St. Clair Counties for the very first time.

Today, STAR is more than just talking books – we also offer 300 described videos and over 9,000

large-print books. We also provide outreach events and presentations to community organizations, who assist us with referrals and partner with us to increase awareness of our services.

Come celebrate with us at the Main Library location, 210 McMorran Boulevard in Port Huron, July 31 through August 2. The schedule of events includes an opening reception with National Library Service Director Frank Kurt Cylke and State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau, a Kids on the Block performance, presentations by Library of Michigan staff on the new digital audio talking books and the Library of Michigan's Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped volunteer recording program, tours of the STAR department, Braille treasure hunts for children and adults and more. For more information, call STAR at 810-982-3600 or toll-free 1-800-272-8570.

The New Michigan Career Portal

*by Ardis Cazeno, Director of Labor Exchange Services,
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The recently launched Michigan Career Portal at www.michigan.gov/careers features state and national resources related to employment, training, careers and education. This new Web site, formerly known as the TalentFreeway, was developed by the Michigan Department of Career Development in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Information Technology.

Of particular interest to librarians and their patrons is free online access to the Michigan Licensed Occupations (MLO); the Michigan Occupational Information System's occupational reports (MOIScripts); the Michigan Talent Bank; the Michigan Civil Service Department Web page and many other sites that contain job listings; local, state and national job/career fairs; the Homework Help and Best Resources for Students and Parents links; the link to the Michigan Electronic Library and specifically its LearnATest component of practice exams; and many other support services, such as the Child Care Directory, Michigan Rehabilitation Services and the Guide to Starting a Small Business. The Career Portal also includes links to information on apprenticeships, military careers, how to get ready for college, financial aid and scholarships.

Websitings:

Travel and Lighthouses

by Kyle Kay Ripley, Reference Assistant, Library of Michigan

Michigan Travel Bureau

<http://travel.michigan.org>

Michigan Travel and Recreation

<http://www.michigan.gov/emi/0,1303,7-102-113---,00.html>

Say Yes to Michigan

<http://www.yesmichigan.com>

Michigan's Upper Peninsula

<http://www.uptravel.com>

West Michigan Tourist Association

<http://www.wmta.org>

Michigan: A WorldWeb Travel Guide

<http://www.michigan.worldweb.com>

Michigan's Sunrise Side Travel Association

<http://www.misunriseside.com/main.htm>

Great Lakes Lightkeepers Association

<http://gllkakeepers.virtualave.net/index.html>

Lighthouse Explorer Database: Michigan

<http://www.lighthouseclothing.com/database/data-basedetail.cfm>

Internet Public Library: Lighthouses, A
Photographic Journey

<http://www.ipl.org/div/light>

Lighthouse Stamp Society: Great Lakes Section

<http://www.lighthousestampociety.org/photos/#GreatLakes>



Fun Facts About the Great Lakes State

by Casey Kremers, Communications Office, Department of History, Arts and Libraries

Michigan is truly a unique place to live, work and visit. Even for lifelong Michiganders, there is always something new to discover about our state. Here are just a few of the many interesting features that set Michigan apart.

- Michigan has the longest freshwater shoreline in the world and more shoreline than any other state except Alaska.
- Michigan has more than 11,000 inland lakes and more than 36,000 miles of streams.
- Michigan has 120 lighthouses and navigational lights.
- Forty of the state's 83 counties adjoin at least one of the Great Lakes. Standing anywhere in the state, a person is within 85 miles of one of the Great Lakes.
- Michigan ranks first in state boat registrations.
- The Mackinac Bridge is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, spanning 5 miles over the Straits of Mackinac. The Mighty Mac took 3 years to complete and was opened to traffic in 1957.
- Michigan was the first state to provide in its constitution for the establishment of public libraries and the first state to guarantee every child the right to tax-paid high school education.
- Alpena is the home of the world's largest cement plant; Rogers City boasts the world's largest limestone quarry; and Colon is home to the world's largest manufacturer of magic supplies.
- Sault Ste. Marie, founded by Father Jacques Marquette in 1668, is the third oldest remaining settlement in the United States.
- In 1817, the University of Michigan was the first university established by any of the states. It was originally located in Detroit and moved to Ann Arbor in 1841.
- Michigan State University, the largest institution of higher learning in the state and one of the largest universities in the country, was the first institution of higher learning in the nation to teach scientific agriculture.
- The city of Novi was named from its designation as Stagecoach Stop #6 or No. VI.
- Vernors ginger ale was created in Detroit and became the first soda pop made in the United States.

- The Detroit Zoo was the first zoo in America to feature cageless, open exhibits that allowed the animals more freedom to roam.
- Michigan is the only place in the world with a floating post office. The J.W. Westcott II, which has been operating for 125 years, is the only boat in the world that delivers mail to ships while they are still underway.
- Indian River is the home of the largest crucifix in the world, the Cross in the Woods.
- Isle Royale National Park shelters one of the largest moose herds remaining in the United States.
- The Upper Michigan Copper Country is the largest commercial deposit of native copper in the world.
- The 19 chandeliers in the Capitol in Lansing are one-of-a-kind and designed especially for the building by Tiffany's of New York. Weighing between 800 and 900 pounds apiece, they are composed of copper, iron and pewter.
- Grand Rapids is home to the 24-foot Leonardo da Vinci horse, called *Il Cavallo*. On display at the Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park, it is the largest equestrian bronze sculpture in the Western Hemisphere.

Source: 50states.com

Corrections

It was incorrectly reported in the May issue of Access (pg. 5, "The Many Homes of the Library of Michigan") that the State Library was designated as a federal documents depository in 1895. The Library was first designated as a depository in 1861.

The following corrections to "Significant Dates in Michigan Library History" have been made in the Web version of the June issue of Access (pg. 6-7).

Changes for the print edition:

. 1877 P.A. 164, the Free Public Library Law, provided for the establishment of city, township and village libraries.

. 1964 Pub L. 88-269 is The Library Services and Construction Act.

. 2000 P.A. 212 amended Section 6 of the Michigan Library Privacy Act to impose restrictions on Internet access by minors in public libraries. Also in 2000, Title XVII of Pub. L. 106-554, "The Children's Internet Protection Act," required schools receiving federal funds to use technology measures that prevent access by minors to various defined "harmful" materials on the Internet. (see 1999)

Lake Odessa Community Library Sponsors Festival of Tables

The Lake Odessa Community Library recently held its first-ever "Festival of Tables" fundraiser to a sellout crowd, now coined as the "social event of the year." Local patrons were solicited to sponsor a table using their own unique theme, dishes, stemware, linens and flatware. Some of the themes chosen included Patriotic Party, Tropical Breeze, Easter Surprise, The Manor Library, Wine and Roses, Golden Green Memories and One Hen and Some Cute Chicks. Tickets to the Festival were \$10 and included a catered lunch, served by student volunteers from the local National Honor Society. Those attending were given time before lunch to roam the hall and view each table. After the dishes were cleared away, State Librarian Christie Pearson Brandau spoke to the guests about current trends in library service and the importance of libraries. Door prizes and raffle items finished out the afternoon. According to Director Connie Teachworth, the library has "received overwhelming praise and support for this project" and has already started a list of interested table sponsors for next year.

Randy Dykhuis Receives Wayne State University Library and Information Science Program's 2003 Distinguished Alumnus Award

The Library and Information Science Program at Wayne State University recently selected Randy Dykhuis as its 2003 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year. As executive director of the Michigan Library Consortium since 1995, Dykhuis has worked with the Library of Michigan to bring over \$3.6 million in electronic resources to libraries and Michigan citizens.

"I am impressed with Randy Dykhuis' dedication to making sure that each library in Michigan maximizes its potential and receives the greatest number of resources possible," said Joseph J. Mika, interim director of the Library and Information Science Program. "He is truly an individual with a vision for library service and libraries and represents exactly the type of professional this award intends to honor."

Bose Corporation Takes Notice of Central Lake District Library

The Central Lake District Library recently received a Bose radio and CD player as a gift, to be played in the library for background music. When the Bose Corporation heard what the radio was being ordered for, the company asked the library to take a picture and send it to them – they had never had a group buy a radio for a library and were very impressed. The photo sent shows a painting of the library building in the background. The library has really enjoyed the radio and its soft, soothing music.



Left to right: Central Lake District Library trustees Glennis Austin, Dick Cloor and Bobbie Patterson and Library Director Chris Bachman

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